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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This is related to United States Patent Application Number ~~—/———,———~~ 10/677,573 filed concurrently herewith, and entitled "Semiconductor Device Incorporating a Defect Controlled Strained Channel Structure and Method of Making the Same" (Attorney Docket SC12480TP) and is incorporated herein by reference and assigned to the current assignee hereof.